Purpose of Academic Advising

Academic Advisors act as interpreters of the OSU learning environment and facilitators to the undergraduate degree experiences. In working toward degree completion, an advisor can help make sense of options, obligations, and opportunities related to student’s academic interests. An advisor can also help students start to think about how undergraduate learning relates to career opportunities. An advisor can help in the decision-making process, especially when the relationship is based on openness, honesty, and trust. Above all, an academic advisor is a person who is invested in helping students create rewarding learning experiences.

As an advisee, you should:

- **Understand and accept that you are ultimately responsible for your education and your own decisions.**
- Initiate a purposeful relationship with your advisor and make appointments when requested and/or when necessary.
- Utilize the technological resources available to you to inform yourself about your degree requirements and options.
- Prepare for and be active in your advising session, ask questions when you have them.
- Work to clarify your personal values, abilities, and goals and share them with your advisor.
- Provide accurate and truthful information when being advised.
- Keep your local address and phone up to date in Online Services and utilize and **check your ONID account daily** for important information coming from your advisor and the institution.
- Learn and understand OSU’s policies, procedures, and requirement as they relate to your academic success and/or degree completion.
- Follow through on plans-of-action identified during advising sessions.
- Be aware of and abide by academic calendar deadlines.
- Cancel appointments that cannot be kept.

Your advisor should:

- **Develop a purposeful relationship with and be an advocate for their advisees.**
- Inform students of the nature of the advisor/advisee relationship.
- Assist students in defining and developing expressed educational, career, and life plans.
- Provide timely and accurate educational information.
- Promote learning opportunities that will help students define or meet personal goals and plans.
- Assist students in preparing a program that is consistent with their abilities and interests.
- Monitor progress toward educational/career goals.
- Interpret and provide rationale for institutional policies, procedures and requirements.
- Inform inquiring students of campus resources and special services available to them.
- Refer students to those resources that can enhance or supplement their academic or personal experience.